

Senate Resolution 486

By: Senator Thomas of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Clint H. Bryant and designating the bridge by which SR 2 crosses
2 over the Conasauga River at Beaverdale as the Clint H. Bryant Memorial Bridge; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Clint H. Bryant was born January 13, 1910, in a farmhouse on the road which
5 was later to be known as Georgia Highway 2, and he lived in this house until his death on
6 August 20, 2004, at the age of 94; and

7 WHEREAS, he was the son of Onie Evans and George Washington Bryant, who were among
8 the pioneering families who settled northern Murray County in the middle to latter part of
9 the 1800's, and the grandson of Joseph John Bryant, who once owned a large tract of land
10 within the area, including several farms along the Conasauga River; and

11 WHEREAS, as a boy, Mr. Bryant became familiar with the Conasauga River and its crossing
12 places, fishing and swimming in its waters and riding in the wagon across Wheat's Ford on
13 his way to church; and

14 WHEREAS, as he grew, he learned to appreciate his family's legacy and connection with the
15 surrounding fertile land and became a successful farmer, raising hogs and cattle and
16 harvesting soy beans, corn, and cotton on his river bottom farm, which received the Georgia
17 Centennial Farm award in 1993; and

18 WHEREAS, in the mid-1950's, Mr. Bryant donated nearly eight acres of his beloved farm
19 as right of way for the building of Georgia Highway 2, and he allowed men from the road
20 crew to stay in a house on his property and would regularly transport them to the store in
21 Beaverdale for lunch; and

22 WHEREAS, he was sitting on the porch of the old Beaverdale store the day that the old
23 bridge collapsed from the weight of road machinery, and he helped to transport an injured

1 man to safety and volunteered to help retrieve machinery and parts from the river bed as part
2 of a "rescue crew"; and

3 WHEREAS, in his later years, Mr. Bryant built a dock on the Conasauga River which
4 became the very popular neighborhood swimming hole, now known as "Bryant's Bluff," and
5 is used by the community, its churches, local Boy Scout troops, and 4-H groups for picnics,
6 baptisms, family reunions, recreation, and community service projects; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Bryant was a good neighbor and friend who was the
8 first to volunteer a helping hand to those in need and who provided generations of young
9 farmers with careful and knowledgeable advice; and

10 WHEREAS, through his kindness and generosity, Mr. Bryant improved the quality of life
11 for the citizens of his community and has left a lasting mark on the history of Murray
12 County.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 GEORGIA that the members of this body join in honoring the memory of a great Georgian,
15 Mr. Clint H. Bryant, for his many contributions to Murray County and the State of Georgia.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge by which SR 2 crosses over the Conasauga
17 River at Beaverdale is hereby named the Clint H. Bryant Memorial Bridge, and the
18 Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate
19 signs so designating the bridge.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of the late Mr. Clint H. Bryant
22 and the Department of Transportation.